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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTEL SUBSTANCE WITH ROSS FRANCIS,
DIRECTOR, UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIV, DEPT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(EXTAFF). FRANCIS DID NOT ATTEMPT NOR DID EMBOFF SEEK
POINT-BY-POINT GOC REACTION TO IMPRESSIONS IN REFTEL IN
VIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL FAMILIARITY WITH GOC
POSITIONS ON POINTS COVERED. RATHER, FRANCIS PROVIDED
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS WHICH ARE NOTED BELOW.

2. GOC IMPRESSIONS ARE GENERALLY THE SAME AS THOSE STATED IN REFTEL RE BACKGROUND, ATMOSPHERICS, AND DYNAMICS OF 32ND UNGA. HOWEVER, MIDDLE EAST EXCEPTION TO GENERAL SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION HAS HAD IMPORTANT RAMIFICATIONS IN OTTAWA, FRANCIS SAID. HE NOTED THAT EXTAFF MIN DON JAMIESON HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS AND CLOSELY FOLLOWS EACH UNGA QUESTION OF ANY CONSEQUENCE ON THE SUBJECT. DISAPPOINTING MIDDLE EAST DEBATE AT 32ND UNGA HAS, FRANCIS, INDICATED, SOURED JAMIESON ON OVERALL UTILITY OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. UPSHOT HAS BEEN SOME WELL-PUBLICIZED JAMIESON SOUL-SEARCHING ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN-EFFECTIVENESS. FRANCIS NOTED THAT SOME OF THESE JAMIESON COMMENTS HAVE BEEN AGAINST ADVICE OF EXTAFF OFFICIALS, AN INDICATION OF HOW PERSONALLY DISILLUSIONED JAMIESON HAS BECOME WITH UNGA.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA - WHEREAS US SHIFTED TO SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY OF AFRICAN RESOLUTIONS ON APARTHEID AND NAMIBIA, GOC VOTED AGAINST OR ABSTAINED ON MORE OF THESE THAN IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS. FRANCIS EXPLAINED THAT GOC SHIFT WAS CAUSED BY MORE INFORMED GOC VOTES BASED ON GREATER PRIOR CONSULTATIONS. THIS HAS NOT, HOWEVER, ALIENATED AFRICANS ACCORDING TO FRANCIS BECAUSE OF TOUGH GOC MEASURES TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER (SEE OTTAWA 0519).

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4. ZIONISM/RACISM - FRANCIS INDICATED THAT EXTAFF HAS RECOMMENDED TO MINISTER JAMIESON THAT GOC ATTEND WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM. RATIONALE IS THAT IT WILL BE MORE USEFUL TO BE THERE TO TRY TO INFLUENCE PROCEEDINGS THAN TO BOYCOTT. GOC WOULD BE READY TO WALK OUT, HOWEVER, IF ZIONISM/RACISM EMERGED IN SIGNIFICANT WAY AND EXTAFF IS ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE HOW MANY OTHERS MIGHT JOIN IN A WALK-OUT. JAMIESON IS CONSIDERING QUESTION IN LIGHT OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

5. GUAM/PUERTO RICO - FAVORABLE RESULTS FROM US POINT OF VIEW ARE PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE, ACCORDING TO FRANCIS, TO MORE EXTENSIVE PRIOR CONSULTATIONS BY U.S.

6. NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE - FRANCIS, WHO SAID HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON DETAILS, NOTED MERELY THAT "ON BALANCE, THINGS WENT BETTER THAN WE HAD FEARED." THIS VIEW WAS SUPPORTED BY DAVID WRIGHT OF EXTAFF GENERAL ECONOMIC POLICY SECTION. WRIGHT INDICATED THAT GOC HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT "TONE" OF 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE ADVERSELY EFFECTED BY G77 DISAPPOINTMENT OVER CIEC RESULTS AND COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS. WRIGHT EXPRESSED

VIEW THAT HIGH PROPORTION OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY CONSENSUS WAS GOOD SIGN. CANADIANS WERE "PLEASANTLY SURPRISED." GOC FEELS THAT MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT ON ECONOMIC SIDE WAS CREATION OF A NORTH/SOUTH OVERVIEW MECHANISM WITH A "REASONABLE MANDATE."

7. HUMAN RIGHTS - GOC FAVORED DEFERRAL OF VOTE ON COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL FOR COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ON ASSUMPTION THAT A FAVORABLE VOTE, WHICH WAS BY NO MEANS ASSURED, WOULD BE BY NARROW MARGIN AND WOULD LACK BROAD CONSENSUS SUPPORT.

8. UGANDA - EXTAFF FEELS NORDICS DID NOT HANDLE DRAFT

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